

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 July 2007

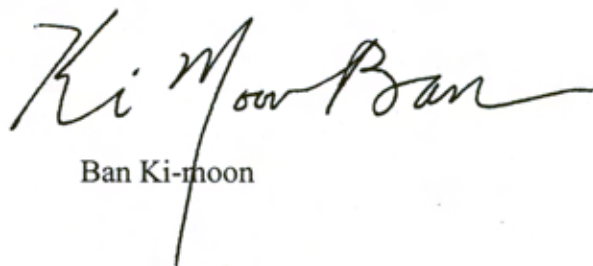
Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the forthcoming Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Bishkek on 16 August 2007.

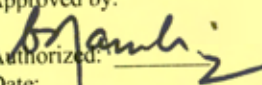
I share your view that the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is an important international organization which has great potential for facilitating cooperation and strengthening security and stability in the region. The SCO is an important partner of the United Nations in these endeavours, and I am looking forward to further strengthening our multifaceted cooperation with the organization.

Regrettably, I will not be able to attend the Summit in Bishkek due to prior commitments. However, I am pleased to inform you that the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, will represent me at the Summit.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Ban Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev  
President of the Kyrgyz Republic  
Bishkek

H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev  
Drafter: SL  
Proofread by: MRC  
Approved by:   
Authorized: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_